

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

We have heard some very favorable comments about yesterday's rain.

There are five candidates for Commonwealth's Attorney in the Mayfield district.

The editor of the KENTUCKIAN began his newspaper career 36 years ago today.

Make yourself one of a million of people to go to Sunday School in Kentucky Sunday.

The jury in the Roosevelt libel case at Syracuse, N. Y., is made up of 7 Republicans, 3 Democrats and 2 Progressives.

Robt. E. Jeffrey, of Mt. Olive, Ark., the new Minister to Hungary, carried a bride with him to his new post this month.

A prisoner says the Germans have gas bombs three feet in diameter. They must belong to the equipment of the war correspondents.

The booster trip into eastern Kentucky to be made by the Louisville Commercial Club will occupy four days and will cover about 800 miles.

Jim Lemon is cutting a little wider swath at Mayfield. His paper, the Messenger, has been changed from six columns to seven columns.

Chas. Grove and Miss Lillie Bogard, who were secretly married at Mt. Washington, Ky., August 14, 1914, announced their marriage at church Sunday night.

May wheat at Chicago broke seven cents Tuesday and wiped out the suckers who were betting on another fellow's trick and then went up again six cents to \$1.63½ at the close.

Mexicans fired at a U. S. army bi-plane flying over Ft. Brown, Texas, Tuesday. Matamoros, opposite, is occupied by Carranza troops. About 50 shots were fired, but no harm was done.

The Germans are now maintaining a defensive campaign in the West, in the face of the fierce drives of the Britons. The offensive movement to drive them out of Belgium and France is about to begin.

John Wesley Gaines, of Nashville, was tried on a charge of slapping a man who called him a liar, in Washington. No fine was imposed but Mr. Gaines devoted \$10 to the policemen's pension fund.

The Consular dispatches from Mexico to the state department confirmed Carranza claims of a great victory for General Obregon over Villa's retreat northward, destroying the railroad as he went. Villa's losses in the six days' fighting ending Saturday were estimated at 6,000 killed and wounded.

A Confederate "hardtack" cracker is in the possession of a lady of Hartsville, Tenn. It is browned by its fifty-two years of age and by its days of exposure on the old battlefield. The old cracker, a hunk of flour and water, is two inches square and an inch thick and a perfect specimen of Confederate army hardtack. It was picked up on the field on July 3, 1863, by Lounds Saunders, one of Jeb Stuart's cavalymen, and sent to Miss Lillie Roberta Perkins of Bedford City, Va. She is now Mrs. A. J. Hall of Hartsville.

Congressman A. W. Barkley, of the First District, introduced Senator Beckham when he lectured on temperance at Paducah Tuesday night, and declared himself not in accord with the Democratic platform upon which he was elected, but in favor of the independent movement for State-wide prohibition. His position is significant from the fact that the Mayfield paper, one at Clinton and one at Paducah, all Democratic, have opposed the injection of the State-wide question into the state campaign.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING RELIEF

Began Falling At 4:30 Yesterday Morning and Have Done Great Good.

GENTLE AND REFRESHING

Extended To All Parts of The County and Farmers Are Glad.

Droughts always come to an end and the great Spring drouth of ten weeks came to a happy conclusion yesterday in Christian county. The first showers of any consequence since early in February began falling before daylight, starting off with a good hard downpour for a few minutes. At intervals during the morning, gentle refreshing showers fell, ending the worst spring dry spell ever known in this county. Christian has suffered more than many other counties. Henderson and other river counties had a fine rain ten days ago, and Caldwell and Lyon had showers. The rains have done incalculable good. Plantbeds were barely alive, many of them not half way up. Corn was unsprouted in the ground. Wheat was at a standstill. Dust rose in many fields as the crops were being planted. Pastures were backward. The roads were clouds of dust with every passing vehicle. Tobacco crops in many instances were hanging dry in the barns. The spring season had been retarded for a month by the entire lack of rain. All this has been relieved and every farmer's face is wreathed in smiles.

For what we have already received, for what we are still receiving and for what the weather clerk has in store for us, let us all be thankful and go to Sunday School next Sunday.

McGregor-Marshall.

Mr. J. W. McGregor, of Princeton, Ky., and Mrs. Lulu Marshall, of Guthrie, Ky., were united in marriage at Clarksville Monday morning, at the office of the County Court Clerk. The groom is a substantial farmer of Caldwell county.

CHANGE ON MAIN STREET

Wall & McGowan Buy One Department of J. K. Hooser's Business.

The firm of Wall & McGowan has bought out the gents' furnishing goods department of Jas. K. Hooser, next door to them, and are now engaged in invoicing the stock and will move it as the work is completed.

Mr. Hooser will remain in business, giving his entire attention to his large and increasing tailoring business, which has always been his leading line.

The Hooser stock of furnishing goods is high class and new. It will be put on the market at a bargain price by Wall & McGowan, offering wonderful opportunities to those needing such goods.

Col. Milward Dead.

Lexington, Ky., April 21.—Death came to Col. William R. Milward in his seventy-fourth year Monday night at the Good Samaritan Hospital where he had been removed a few days ago in hope of saving his life. The veteran soldier had been ill for several months of uraemic poisoning. Col. Milward was one of the few Union soldiers who were honorary members of the United Confederate Veterans.

Bell School Closes.

Miss Paulette Davis' school at Bell, will close with special exercises at the schoolhouse this evening. A fine program has been prepared and the public is invited.

UNIT LAW UPHELD

Court of Appeals Decides Several Contests In Favor of Drys.

ON TEST CASES SENT UP

Sustains Local Option Elections Held In Bourbon, Montgomery, Scott and Shelby.

Frankfort, Ky., April 21.—The Court of Appeals yesterday upheld the County Unit Act as amended in 1914, thus holding valid the elections last year in Bourbon, Montgomery, Scott and Shelby counties, all of which voted dry.

The contention was made that the act of 1914, allowing 25 per cent of the voters of a county instead of 25 per cent of each precinct, to call a local option election, repealed the county unit law of 1912. But the court said it did not.

The court said: "The vote of the county controls all parts of it including cities, towns, districts and precincts and this conclusion disposes of the right of Shelbyville, Georgetown, Mt. Sterling and Paris to have separate elections and to regulate and control for themselves the sale of liquor within their own limits."

PUCKETT'S NEW STEED

Will Make His County Trips Riding a Motorcycle.

County Agriculturist, S. C. Puckett, will make his trips over the county in a latest model Harley-Davidson motorcycle purchased for him at an expense of \$300, by the Christian County Crop Improvement Association. The machine is expected to be here by the end of the week. Mr. Puckett is being put through a course of instruction in handling it and is expected to be able to "buck" it when it is turned over to him. This method of transportation was hit upon as a compromise between a horse and buggy and an automobile.

CLEANING UP THE CITY

Wagons Had Not Finished On West Seventh Street Yesterday.

The City wagons have been engaged this week in cleaning up, under the direction of W. R. Crawley, sanitary inspector. Work was begun on the West Side Tuesday and was not finished and the rain yesterday morning caused a delay. The Southern part of the city will be visited next and refuse piled in or near the streets will be hauled away free of charge.

All refuse is being hauled outside the city to a low place in a lot owned by W. T. Williamson, east of the old workhouse property.

Forest Fires Raging.

Lexington, Ky., April 21.—Reports reaching here yesterday told of forest fires sweeping across vast areas in the eastern Kentucky mountain district. Floyd, Martin, Letcher and Pike counties are said to be in the path of the blaze, and already, according to reports, miles of farmers' fences and numerous isolated buildings of farmers have been destroyed. It is believed the fires which raged in the stricken sections two weeks ago and were partially extinguished by rain were simply smothered and have broken out anew.

Back on Duty.

Officer Broussais Gregory, who has been off duty for a month, is able to resume work on the police force this week, though still showing the effects of his recent illness.

BEAUTIFY BACK YARDS

Ladies Are Vying With Each Other In Raising Pretty Flowers.

MUCH CIVIC PRIDE SHOWN.

Many Lots Are Under The Care of Landscape Gardeners.

A great many citizens have caught the spirit of civic improvement and are indulging their taste for flowers to beautify the back yards. Many of the ladies are displaying enthusiasm in the culture of plants, shrubs and flowers. Nurserymen have filled many large orders and some yards have been planted and planted for the first time.

Some of them make a specialty of the old-fashioned flowers, such as lilacs, snowballs, calacanthus, altheas and other shrubs and such hardy plants as peonies, phlox, chrysanthemums and blue bells.

Many yards were gorgeous with buttercups and crocuses a month ago and just now the hyacinths and tulips are holding sway.

Rose gardens are plentiful. Last winter was a hard one on roses and many of them were killed to the ground and are just putting up fresh shoots.

Some of the very early shrubs have already bloomed or are now blooming. One of the prettiest shrubs in the city is a Japanese Magnolia in the yard of Mr. Will Kimmons. It has already shed its blossoms, which appeared in great profusion, covering the entire tree, about the first of April.

Mrs. Kimmons is one of the ladies on South Main street who is devoting much attention to her flowers.

Mrs. R. E. Cooper has beautified the back yard of her new home on South Main, which will in time be equal in beauty to any in the city.

Mrs. John L. Harvey, whose home has been remodeled, is also paying much attention to planting shrubs and flower beds.

One of the most attractive side yards, is one jointly owned by Mrs. M. G. Rust and Mrs. H. M. Frankel, where many beautiful roses bloom every year.

Miss Johnnie Beard, on Fourteenth street, has long had one of the handsomest flower gardens in that part of the city.

In every part of the city beautiful flowers will be seen from now on. There is scarcely a home in the city where some flowers are not found. Even the colored people raise them, many of the humblest cabins being in veritable rose gardens.

A great deal of this interest has been aroused by the local florists, T. L. Metcalfe and W. F. Snyder. Mr. Metcalfe has one of the largest floral plants in Kentucky, with branch greenhouses in several neighboring cities. Just now he is one of the busiest men in town, as the season for selling potted plants is at its height.

The ladies generally are preparing for a great profusion of summer and autumn flowers.

Among these nasturtiums, asters, gladioli, tube roses, clematis, sweet peas and scabiosas are universally popular. Later will come the dahlias, cosmos and chrysanthemums and such old favorites as zinnias, marigolds and salvias that bloom until frost.

Miss Fannie Rogers, the Main street milliner, has had some flower beds made in the yard in the rear of her store.

Miss Virginia Lipscomb, the librarian of the Public Library, has made the little yard back of the library a thing of beauty.

Out at the State Hospital the flower gardens have always been given special care and they contain many very beautiful flowers.

The love of flowers is everywhere shown on the lots at Riverside Cemetery. The Superintendent, Mr. R. D. Reeder, has much taste in such work and the flower beds on the many lots are beautifully cared for.

BIG CROWD TO K. E. A.

Headed By Superintendents L. E. Foster And J. W. Marion.

MORE THEN 50 IN PARTY

Will Attend The Three Days Session in Louisville This Week.

A special train that started at Madisonville yesterday, took on a delegation of 53 teachers and others interested in education, when the train stopped here at 12:20 p. m. The delegation was headed by Supt. L. E. Foster and Mrs. Foster and the party will attend the meeting of the Kentucky Educational Association, which met in Louisville last night.

There were other delegates from Hopkins on the train and many others were taken on between here and Louisville.

The Hopkinsville party was as follows:

OFFICERS.

Superintendent of Schools L. E. Foster and Mrs. Foster.

TRUSTEES.

W. F. Lacey, C. R. Fowler, P. P. Gladdish, R. F. Pool, J. C. Johnson, L. M. Hill, J. T. Simpson, J. R. Marquess, A. L. Renshaw, T. M. Harned, L. R. Yancey, Edgar Harned, T. N. Chester and A. L. Elgin.

TEACHERS AND OTHERS.

HOPKINSVILLE—Supt. J. W. Marion, Prof. Pete Edwards, Mrs. Willie Watson, Misses Martha Ellis Soyars, Lizzie Knight, Florence Gray, Katherine Major, Elizabeth Hays, Bessie Gary, Annie Hoard, Tommie Hord, Georgia Major, Mattie Mayes, Edna West, Tommie Harned, Eunice King, Grace Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Will King, L. B. Castile, Luther Ladd, Hubert McCown, Miss Owen and Miss Elizabeth Golladay.

PEMBROKE—Prof. B. F. Brown, C. E. Mann, Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Allen, Ewin Boxley, Mrs. A. W. Croft, Misses Camille Lackey, Dovie Anderson, Theresa Cannon, Martha McClanahan.

FAIRVIEW—L. G. McGinley, Miss Bettie Lewis Boyd, Miss Burrus.

FINE YIELD OF TOBACCO

Jas. C. Johnson Makes Nearly \$3,400 on a 40 Acre Field!

Jas. C. Johnson has finished delivering a crop of 39½ acres of tobacco that made a yield of 51,750 pounds, an average of a little more than 1,300 pounds an acre. It was raised in a field of 40 acres, the other half acre being in watermelons.

For that number of acres, taking an entire field, this yield has probably never been excelled in the county. Ordinarily a yield of 1,000 pounds to the acre is considered a good crop.

The crop was sold at \$6.50 and \$6.75 and brought \$3,394.37, a yield of more than \$85 an acre. The crop was grown on Mr. Johnson's farm 2½ miles from town, on the Newstead pike, known as the Ellis place.

Stock Barn Burned.

Princeton, Ky., April 19.—A stock barn belonging to John H. Hewlett, near Crider, this county, together with its contents, consisting of a horse belonging to William Harris, colored, some farming implements, straw and hay, was destroyed last night by fire. The loss is about \$1,000.

Rebuilding Fifteenth Street.

The city hands are engaged in tearing up and regrading West Fifteenth Street in front of Bethel College. When rebuilt and rolled it will be in a much improved condition.

Milk is obtained in the Philippines mainly from the carabao.

BULGARIAN RIOTERS

Still Trying to Provoke Trouble By Invading Serbia.

GERMANS ARE REINFORCING.

And Principal Fighting is Still Going on in The Eastern Field.

London, April 21.—"It is semi-officially announced," says Reuter's Nish correspondent, "that two fresh inroads into Serbian territory have been made by irregular bands of Bulgarians."

In addition, news comes from German southwest Africa of another successful operation by Gen. Louis Botha's army, which has occupied the important town and railway junction of Keetmanshop, which is a German base in the southern part of the colony.

Further details also were published yesterday of the British capture of Hill 60, near Ypres. Very severe fighting, in which both sides suffered heavy losses, took place at the point. The British success is declared by Field Marshal French to be an important one, as it gives the British guns command of a considerable area occupied by the Germans and paves the way for an attack on the passages of the Lys, by means of which the towns of Lille, Roubaix and Turcoing can be approached.

Along the rest of the western front, there has been considerable fighting at separate points, but no battles of importance have occurred.

In the eastern zone, the Russians have been busy repulsing Austro-German attacks in the direction of Stry and to the southeast of Lupkow pass, and have themselves captured another height on the eastern Roszanka chain of the Carpathians.

The British admiralty reports a brilliant "cutting out" operation in the Dardanelles. Young officers and seamen from British ships volunteered for the dangerous task of destroying the submarine E-15 which stranded under the Turkish guns and which it was essential should not fall into the hands of the Turks. They did their work well, and all that was left of the craft was a tangled mass of iron from which the Turks are not likely to learn any of the secrets of the latest British submarines. Although the plucky crews in their little boats were subjected to a heavy fire, they escaped with the loss of one man.

The Austro-Italian situation is still shrouded in mystery. A German wireless dispatch says that the recent frontier incident has been settled, but dispatches by way of Paris describe the position as hopeless. It also is reported tonight that martial law has been proclaimed in Trent owing to disorders.

As To State-wide.

Isn't it strange that the small proportion of the newspapers in Kentucky that are advocating State-wide prohibition are all opposed to the holding of a convention before the primary? If the masses, the great common people, of Kentucky, are clamoring for a chance to vote on the question, particularly the Democrats, as the four-flushers say, where is the objection to incorporating prohibition as an issue in a State platform? This can be done easily, if the sentiment for it is as they would have it appear. If the sentiment for prohibition is so strong, what is there to prevent incorporating that measure in a plank in the platform, then, by making it a Democratic measure?

No, the fact of the business is that all such talk is just made with the idea of working on the prejudices of those of a fanatical turn of mind. Prohibition has no right to be figured as a Democratic measure until it has been adopted as such by the Democratic party in convention assembled.—Shelby Record.